

he will be honored at a surprise dinner for ten years of academic and community excellence.

Dr. Geraty grew up as a citizen of the world as part of a Seventh-day Adventist missionary family who lived and worked in China, Burma, Hong Kong, and Lebanon. Dr. Geraty received a rich educational experience from attending schools in China, Hong Kong, Lebanon, England, Germany, France, Israel, California, Maryland, Michigan, and Massachusetts. These experiences set him on a lifelong course committed to the values of diversity and education.

After completing his undergraduate degree at Pacific Union College, Dr. Geraty graduated from the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He then served a short term as a pastor in Santa Ana, California. Later, Dr. Geraty joined the Andrews Theological Seminary faculty, he first went to Harvard University to study Hebrew Bible and biblical archaeology where he earned and received with distinction his Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Returning to Andrews Theological Seminary as Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Dr. Geraty distinguished himself as a teacher and scholar for the next 13 years, teaching also in Jamaica, Jordan, Trinidad, Costa Rica, Europe, and Australia, and directed a series of major archaeological expeditions to the Middle East. During this time he was also the curator of the Horn Archaeological Museum and founding Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University.

In his notable scholarly career, Dr. Geraty has received numerous honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship and served as advisor on archaeology to former Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. Dr. Geraty also served as president of several scholarly societies; vice president of the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan; lectured all over the world and contributed to numerous publications.

Adding to his teaching focus, in 1985 Dr. Geraty became president of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts where he earned the reputation as a progressive academic administrator. Since July 1993 Dr. Geraty has served as President and professor of archeology at La Sierra University in Riverside, California, where he has also become active in the community, serving currently on the boards of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, United Way of the Inland Valleys, The Employers Group, Metro Riverside International Cabinet, Mayor's Higher Education/Business Council, Raincross Club, Monday Morning Group, and the Riverside Youth Action Executive Policy Board.

In the year 2000, Dr. Geraty received the P. E. MacAllister Award for Excellence in Field Archeology from the American Schools of Oriental Research, and in 2001, the Charles Eliott Weniger Award for Excellence at Pacific Union College. On July 1, 2002, he began a three-year term as president of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), the premier organization for American archaeologists working in the Middle East. From headquarters at Boston and Emory universities, he will supervise an annual scholarly convention, the publication of several scholarly books and journals, the accreditation of American archaeological projects in the Middle East and relate to research centers in Jerusalem, Amman, and Nicosia.

Dr. Geraty and his wife, Gillian, have a daughter in Colorado, a son in Michigan, and

between them five grandchildren. Truly, one of Dr. Geraty's most impressive accomplishments has been his ability to remain active as an archaeologist and churchman while continuing to lead and direct a university which combines the religious values of a faith community, the educational ideals of a liberal arts college, and the research opportunities of a comprehensive university.

#### RECOGNIZING JOSEPH WILLIAM MICHAEL FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph William Michael, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 167, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has earned 38 merit badges and is a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He served on Cub Scout Camp staff for 5 years. Joseph has also attended the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia and the Junior Leader Training Conference at the Pony Express Council.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joseph built a stadium canopy for the Winston High School baseball field.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph William Michael for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN ELWAY

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to John Elway, a remarkable individual and stellar athlete from the State of Colorado. John will be forever revered as one of the most outstanding quarterbacks to ever play in the National Football League. In recognition of his achievements and dedication to the sport, John was recently selected to enter into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor is a true testament to his extraordinary leadership and commitment to excellence both on and off the field, and it is my honor to highlight his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

John captured the attention of sports enthusiasts worldwide throughout his impressive career. He began playing for the Denver Broncos in 1983, and went on to lead his team to five playoff appearances, five Superbowls, and two Superbowl victories. Upon his retirement in 1998, John had amassed more victories than any quarterback in the history of the NFL. As further testament to his career accomplish-

ments, John was chosen to enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame on his first year of eligibility.

John is also well known as an active leader off the field, and has for many years, contributed his time and energies toward improving the lives of his fellow citizens. In 1987, John founded The Elway Foundation, an organization that has been instrumental in raising over \$3 million to help eliminate child abuse. The money has been used to aid the Family Advocacy, Care, Education, Support organization and The Kempe Children's Center. John's dedication to his community truly serves as a valuable model of civic service to today's youth and young athletes.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that John Elway is a person whose unparalleled dedication and hard work both led him to the top of his profession in the National Football League. The combination of his incredible talent and unrelenting passion for competition, combined with an unconquerable human spirit, has led to his selection as a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize his achievements before this body of Congress and this nation today, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. You have made your teammates, your fans, and the State of Colorado proud.

#### UNCLE ARTHUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT

#### HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 2004*

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the media reported that Rover and Opportunity were exploring the Martian surface. Mars is about 35 million miles from Earth, yet man can reach that alien world.

On December 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, an equally awe-inspiring event took place. It was there that Wilbur and Orville Wright gave birth to man's ability to fly by successfully testing the first powered, heavier-than-air craft that achieved sustained flight with a pilot aboard. The first flight was only 120 feet, far less than the distance to Mars, but that single event defined the 20th Century.

In the December 2003 issue of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Magazine, I learned, through an article written by my brother, Tom Simmons, that our family has a connection to the Wright Brothers. Our Great Uncle Arthur Ruhl was one of only six journalists in May 1908 to watch the Wright Brothers work with their aircraft at Kitty Hawk.

An article about what Uncle Arthur saw appeared in Colliers magazine on May 30, 1908. But this story doesn't end with Uncle Arthur's article. He sent a copy of his story to the Wright Brothers and Orville sent back a warm reply. Emboldened by the inventor's response, and his own curiosity, Uncle Arthur wrote back and asked if he could take a flight. Orville responded that they had so many requests they were limiting their passengers to Army officials.

Undaunted, Uncle Arthur continued his correspondence with Orville Wright, and by 1910 the Wright Brothers were exhibiting their aircraft because the public was paying to watch the flights. Who should be covering one of the